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RESPONSIVE TO THE NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL
BRIEF MAILED NOVEMBER 4, 2010

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief mailed November 4, 2010, Appellant requests consideration of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

In the Appeal Brief

Please replace the material under Section 5, SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER, with the following:

5. SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER

The following is a summary of the claimed subject matter of independent claims 1 and 21, as disclosed in the specification and with supporting citations to reference numerals and paragraph numbers in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §41.37(c)(1)(v).

Claim 1 calls for a blister package arrangement that includes a blister package (1) with a conductor carrier (10) connected thereto. *Application*, p. 5, ln. 32 to p. 6, ln. 17 and FIGS. 2 and 3. Openings (4) are formed in the conductor carrier (10) and are directed toward pockets (3) of the blister package (1). *Id.* at p. 6, lns. 18-30 and FIGS. 2 and 3. When removing a tablet from a pocket (3), a sealing film (13) of the blister package (1) sealing the pocket (3) is separated and the tablet is removable through an opening (4) assigned to it. *Id.* The openings (4) in the conductor carrier (10) are formed by stamped lines (41) positioned within the conductor carrier (10) that surround each of the pockets (3) in a ring shape. *Id.* at p. 6, ln. 31 to p. 7, ln. 9 and FIGS. 2 and 3. The stamped lines (41) are interrupted by at least two bridge parts (42, 43) by means of which a covering, separated by the stamped line (41) out of the conductor carrier (10) and covering the pocket (3), is connected with the conductor carrier (10). *Id.* at p. 7, lns. 21-25 and FIGS. 2 and 3. The bridge parts (42, 43) are so distributed about the periphery of the stamped line (41) that, when a tablet is pressed out from a pocket (3), at least one bridge part (42, 43) is broken. *Id.* at p. 7, ln. 26 to p. 8, ln. 2. The conductor carrier (10) includes individual conductors (52), each of which extend from an individual connecting pad (51) and over at least the one bridge part (42, 43) that is severed upon tablet removal. *Id.* at p. 5, ln. 32 to p. 6, ln. 17, p. 8, lns. 3-12 and FIG. 5.

Claim 21 calls for a blister package arrangement that includes a blister package (1) having a plurality of pockets (3) each configured to receive a tablet therein and a conductor carrier (10) connected to the blister package (1). *Application*, p. 5, ln. 32 to p. 6, ln. 17 and FIGS. 2 and 3. The conductor carrier (10) further includes a cover area (30)

positioned adjacent to each pocket (3) in the blister package (1) that is defined by a stamped line opening (41) formed thereabout in the conductor carrier (10) and at least two bridge parts (42, 43) interrupting each stamped line opening (41) to connect each cover area (30) to a surrounding conductor carrier area (10), with the at least two bridge (42, 43) parts positioned such that at least one bridge part (42, 43) is broken when a tablet is pressed out from the corresponding pocket (3). *Id.* at p. 6, ln. 31 to p. 7, ln. 9, p. 7, ln. 21 to p. 8, ln. 2 and FIGS. 2 and 3. The conductor carrier (10) also includes an interface (5) to provide an electrical connection between the conductor carrier (10) and an attachable electronic unit configured to detect removal of a tablet from a pocket (3) of the blister package (1), with the interface (5) having a plurality of individual connections pads (51) and a common connection pad (54). *Id.* at p. 5, ln. 32 to p. 6, ln. 17 and FIG. 5. A common conductor (53) extends out from the common connection pad (54) and an individual conductor (52) extends out from each of the plurality of individual connection pads (51), over the at least one bridge part (42, 43) of a respective cover area (30), and connects to the common conductor (53), with the individual conductor (52) configured to break along with the at least one bridge part (42, 43) that is broken when a tablet is pressed out from the corresponding pocket (3). *Id.* at p. 5, ln. 32 to p. 6, ln. 17, p. 8, lns. 3-12 and FIG. 5.

REMARKS

According to the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief, the Appeal Brief filed on October 18, 2010 was non-compliant because “[i]ndependent Claim 1 and 21 MUST be mapped to the specification by page and line number and to the drawings, if any by reference characters (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v)).” *Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief*, November 4, p. 2. An entire new brief is not required because the Appeal Brief only lacked a mapping of claims 1 and 21 to the specification by page and line number. *See* MPEP § 1205.03.

In accordance with MPEP § 1205.03, Appellant amends Section 5 of the Appeal Brief to include a mapping of claims 1 and 21 to the specification by page and line number.

Please find attached the SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER section above, with a mapping of claims 1 and 21 to the specification by page and line number. Appellant appreciates consideration of these Amendments and Remarks and cordially invites the Examiner or the Patent Appeals Specialist to call the undersigned, should any matters be considered unresolved.

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